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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to prosecution on the merits, please amend this application as follows herein.

In the Specification

Please insert the following heading and paragraph after the title of the application on page 1 of the specification:

--Cross Reference to Related Applications

A1
This application is a national phase application based on PCT/GB00/02794, filed July 20, 2000, and which further claims priority from British Application No. 9919159.5, filed August 14, 1999. These applications in their entirety are incorporated herein by reference.--

In the Claims

Kindly amend the claims as follows:

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3. (Amended) A thermal transfer medium according to claim 1, wherein the polyester has a Tg of at least 75°C.
 4. (Amended) A thermal transfer medium according to claim 1, wherein the polyester has a Tg of about 77°C and a molecular weight of about 7,500.